

Orders of Worship and Announcements December 4, 2011



Second Sunday in Advent

John called people to repent, to clear the decks, to completely reorder their lives so that nothing would get in the way of the Lord's coming. John quotes Isaiah to give the context for this radical call: the assurance of forgiveness that encourages us to repent; the promise that the coming one will be gentle with the little ones. Isaiah calls us all to be heralds with John, to lift up our voices fearlessly and say, "See, your God is coming!" We say it to one another in worship, in order to say it with our lives in a world in need of justice and peace.

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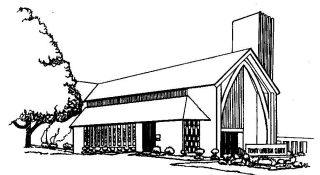
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SUNDAY MORNING 10:45 WORSHIP
December 4, 2011
Second Sunday of Advent
In the Sanctuary

PAGES 91-93 provide some interesting background information on the pattern of our worship.

HYMN NUMBERS, **in bold**, refer to hymns 151 thru 893 in the back of the **ELW**.

LESSONS are found both in the bulletin and the pew bibles. You may want to prepare your Bible ahead of time. (A note of caution - the Old and New Testaments are numbered separately, so both *Genesis* and *Matthew* start on page 1).

LARGE PRINT BULLETINS of this service are available from the ushers.

*OUR LITURGY is based on Setting III, which begins on page 138 of the ELW,
but also includes several traditional additions for the Advent season.*

+ + + **GATHERING** + + +

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

GATHERING MUSIC

Mark Koehler, piano

Prepare the Royal Highway and All Glory, Laud, and Honor - arr. Curt Oliver

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

***GATHERING SONG**

On Jordan's Bank the Baptist's Cry

ELW 249

**Please stand, as able.*

Please turn and face the processional cross as it passes in the center aisle.

***GREETING, CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

+The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God,
who does great things in every generation,
who lifts up the lowly,
who keeps promises forever.

Amen.

Let us approach the throne of grace with repentant hearts.

As we are able, please kneel.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Faithful God,
we confess that we have been unfaithful to you.
Like dry leaves and withered grass,
our lives are blown about by our sins
and the powers of evil around us.
Restore us, O God;
let the light of your face shine on us,
and we shall be saved.

Amen.

God is patient, not wanting any to perish, but all to come to repentance.
 In the name of + Jesus Christ, I bring you this good news:
 You are free from all that imprisons you; your sins are forgiven;
 God heals your broken hearts.
 Live in peace and harmony as you wait for the day of God.

Amen.

Please be seated

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH / CANTICLE OF LIGHT

Prayer by Candlelight - Martin Kral (2010)

Cantor sings Refrain first time, then All repeat

Peace - ful - ly, ___ lov - ing - ly, ___ I light two can - dles Pa - tient - ly ___
 wait - ing for You to ar - rive. _____ Will - ing - ly, ___ faith - ful - ly, ___
 I light two can - dles ask - ing my ___ Sav - ior to en - ter my life. _____

Cantor sings Stanza 1, then All repeat Refrain

- Oh, how it flickers reminding me how
 You came to bring light to brighten my days.
 And oh, how the wax melts reminding me how
 my sins will be melted away.

Refrain

LEADER: (*After Refrain, as two candles are lit*)

6:30 Bill and Erin Chandler

8:30 Brian, Becky and Ward Schaff

10:45 Mark, Kristine, Dawson, Dylan and Destiny LaFever

Blessed are you, O Lord our God, ruler of the universe.
John the Baptist calls all people to prepare the Lord's way
for the kingdom of heaven is near.

Bless us as we light two candles on this wreath.
Baptize us with the fire of your Spirit,
that we may be a light shining in the darkness
welcoming others as Christ has welcomed us,
for he is our light and our salvation.

Blessed be God forever.

C Amen

Cantor sings Stanza 2, then All repeat Refrain

2. Oh, how the flame burns reminding me how
Your free gift of love can warm me inside.
And oh, how the smoke climbs reminding me how
My prayers are lifted up high.

Refrain

P Let us pray.

Stir up our hearts, Lord God, to prepare the way of your only Son.
By his coming strengthen us to serve you with purified lives;
through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord,
who lives and reigns with you Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen

+ + + **WORD** + + +

God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching and song.

READING

II Samuel 11:1-17; 12:1-13

THE STORY, CHAPTER 12

^{11:1}In the spring, at the time when kings go off to war, David sent Joab out with the king's men and the whole Israelite army. They destroyed the Ammonites and besieged Rabbah. But David remained in Jerusalem.

²One evening David got up from his bed and walked around on the roof of the palace. From the roof he saw a woman bathing. The woman was very beautiful, ³and David sent someone to find out about her. The man said, "She is Bathsheba, the daughter of Eliam and the wife of Uriah the Hittite." ⁴Then David sent messengers to get her. She came to him, and he slept with her. (Now she was purifying herself from her monthly uncleanness.) Then she went back home. ⁵The woman conceived and sent word to David, saying, "I am pregnant."

⁶So David sent this word to Joab: “Send me Uriah the Hittite.” And Joab sent him to David. ⁷When Uriah came to him, David asked him how Joab was, how the soldiers were and how the war was going. ⁸Then David said to Uriah, “Go down to your house and wash your feet.” So Uriah left the palace, and a gift from the king was sent after him. ⁹But Uriah slept at the entrance to the palace with all his master’s servants and did not go down to his house. ¹⁰David was told, “Uriah did not go home.” So he asked Uriah, “Haven’t you just come from a military campaign? Why didn’t you go home?” ¹¹Uriah said to David, “The ark and Israel and Judah are staying in tents, and my commander Joab and my lord’s men are camped in the open country. How could I go to my house to eat and drink and make love to my wife? As surely as you live, I will not do such a thing!” ¹²Then David said to him, “Stay here one more day, and tomorrow I will send you back.” So Uriah remained in Jerusalem that day and the next. ¹³At David’s invitation, he ate and drank with him, and David made him drunk. But in the evening Uriah went out to sleep on his mat among his master’s servants; he did not go home.

¹⁴In the morning David wrote a letter to Joab and sent it with Uriah. ¹⁵In it he wrote, “Put Uriah out in front where the fighting is fiercest. Then withdraw from him so he will be struck down and die.” ¹⁶So while Joab had the city under siege, he put Uriah at a place where he knew the strongest defenders were. ¹⁷When the men of the city came out and fought against Joab, some of the men in David’s army fell; moreover, Uriah the Hittite died.

^{12:1}The LORD sent Nathan to David. When he came to him, he said, “There were two men in a certain town, one rich and the other poor. ²The rich man had a very large number of sheep and cattle, ³but the poor man had nothing except one little ewe lamb he had bought. He raised it, and it grew up with him and his children. It shared his food, drank from his cup and even slept in his arms. It was like a daughter to him. ⁴“Now a traveler came to the rich man, but the rich man refrained from taking one of his own sheep or cattle to prepare a meal for the traveler who had come to him. Instead, he took the ewe lamb that belonged to the poor man and prepared it for the one who had come to him.” ⁵David burned with anger against the man and said to Nathan, “As surely as the LORD lives, the man who did this must die! ⁶He must pay for that lamb four times over, because he did such a thing and had no pity.”

⁷Then Nathan said to David, “You are the man! This is what the LORD, the God of Israel, says: ‘I anointed you king over Israel, and I delivered you from the hand of Saul. ⁸I gave your master’s house to you, and your master’s wives into your arms. I gave you all Israel and Judah. And if all this had been too little, I would have given you even more. ⁹Why did you despise the word of the LORD by doing what is evil in his eyes? You struck down Uriah the Hittite with the sword and took his wife to be your own. You killed him with the sword of the Ammonites. ¹⁰Now, therefore, the sword will never depart from your house, because you despised me and took the wife of Uriah the Hittite to be your own.’ ¹¹“This is what the LORD says: ‘Out of your own household I am going to bring calamity on you. Before your very eyes I will take your wives and give them to one who is close to you, and he will sleep with your wives in broad daylight. ¹²You did it in secret, but I will do this thing in broad daylight before all Israel.’” ¹³Then David said to Nathan, “I have sinned against the LORD.” (NIV)

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING

2 Peter 3:8-15a

Pew Bible, NT pg. 257

⁸But do not ignore this one fact, beloved, that with the Lord one day is like a thousand years, and a thousand years are like one day. ⁹The Lord is not slow about his promise, as some think of slowness, but is patient with you, not wanting any to perish, but all to come to repentance. ¹⁰But the day of the Lord will come like a thief, and then the heavens will pass away with a loud noise, and the elements will be dissolved with fire, and the earth and everything that is done on it will be disclosed.

¹¹Since all these things are to be dissolved in this way, what sort of persons ought you to be in leading lives of holiness and godliness, ¹²waiting for and hastening the coming of the day of God, because of which the heavens will be set ablaze and dissolved, and the elements will melt with fire? ¹³But, in accordance with his promise, we wait for new heavens and a new earth, where righteousness is at home.

¹⁴Therefore, beloved, while you are waiting for these things, strive to be found by him at peace, without spot or blemish; ¹⁵and regard the patience of our Lord as salvation.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

***GOSPEL ACCLAMATION** *Lord, to Whom Shall We Go?*

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***GOSPEL** *Mark 1:1-8*

Pew Bible, NT pg. 35

The holy gospel according to Mark.

Glory to you, O Lord.

The beginning of the good news of Jesus Christ, the Son of God.

²As it is written in the prophet Isaiah,

"See, I am sending my messenger ahead of you,
who will prepare your way;

³the voice of one crying out in the wilderness:

'Prepare the way of the Lord,
make his paths straight,"

⁴John the baptizer appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins.

⁵And people from the whole Judean countryside and all the people of Jerusalem were going out to him, and were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. ⁶Now John was clothed with camel's hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. ⁷He proclaimed, "The one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to stoop down and untie the thong of his sandals. ⁸I have baptized you with water; but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit."

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Please be seated

SERMON

AFTER WE SIN....WHAT? Pastor Sanford C. Mitchell

HYMN OF THE DAY

Prepare the Royal Highway

ELW 264

RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS

***PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

After each portion of the prayers:

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Please be seated

OFFERING

Light of Hope, Light of Peace - Mark Patterson

What Shall We Name Him? - Audrey Snyder

Junior Choir

Dee Pinkley, director

***CANTICLE OF THANKSGIVING**

Create in Me a Clean Heart

ELW 186

Please stand and sing this traditional response as the offering is presented.

***THANKSGIVING FOR THE WORD**

pg. 220

Luther held that the Word and Sacraments were central in our worship. On Sundays when we do not celebrate the Sacrament of Communion, we thank God for the gift of the Word which we have received.

The prayers conclude either:

or:

For your Word of life, O God,
we give you thanks and praise.

...be honor and glory forever.
Amen.

***LORD'S PRAYER**

pg. 221

+ + + SENDING + + +

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

***BLESSING**

***SENDING SONG**

O Savior, Precious Savior

ELW 820

***DISMISSAL**

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

***PASSING OF THE PEACE**

NEXT SUNDAY, DECEMBER 11 we meet in the Worship Center at Jack's Place for *Christmas Canticles*, our 27th annual Christmas Musical presented by the Trinity Choir and Orchestra as part of the worship service. The service will last a little longer than an hour. Invite your family and friends to join you!

PARTICIPATING IN OUR SERVICES:

6:30 P.M. SATURDAY FOLK COMMUNION

HOST FAMILIES Tony & Chris Box, Sydney; Ian & Jacob Emser
LECTOR Susan Norris
COMMUNION DEACONS Luann Bradford; Karen Laughery
VIDEO Diane Emser, Jim Norris
SOUND Phil Vermillion

8:30 A.M. SUNDAY COMMUNION

HOST FAMILY Chuck & Cheryl Benway
USHERS Merle Witmer, Harold Warnes (Team 4)
ACOLYTE Lauren Morr
CANTOR Joel Tooman
LECTOR Chuck Benway
COMMUNION DEACONS Dan Forbes; Penny Hamilton; Don Price; Luke Rogers
CHILD CARE Madison Hays; Supervisor - Jenny Pence
SOUND Bob Pinkley

9:30 A.M. SUNDAY SCHOOL

HOST Dan Forbes
INFANT NURSERY Neally Mullins, Diana Scott; Supervisor - Jenny Pence

10:45 A.M. SUNDAY WORSHIP

HOST FAMILY Mike & Pam Bradley
USHERS Clarence Hofer, Mark Damberger (Team 3)
ACOLYTE Adam Benway
CRUCIFER Nicholas Shreffler
CANTOR Ron Marenchin
LECTOR Lorna Ross
CHILD CARE (Infant) Susan Garrison; Addie Goodwin
Supervisor - Jenny Pence
(Toddler) Kate Kaeser, Cindy Wallery
Supervisor - Jodee Kerschner
SOUND Randy Cleland
RADIO Hank Stevens

10:45 A.M. SUNDAY PRAISE WORSHIP / WORSHIP CENTER at JACK'S PLACE

HOSTS Hazel & Juan Acuña; Kathy Goodwin, Addison & Gage
Malinda Workman
LECTOR Brad Hays
CHILDREN'S CHURCH Jill Hartson
VIDEO Tim Norris
SOUND Chris Vanderzyden

FOR THOSE WITH SPECIAL NEEDS - (JUST ASK A HOST FAMILY OR USHER):

- CHILD CARE for children age five and under - Nursery area
- PARENT PAGERS - available for use by parents with children in the Nursery
- BABY CHANGING AREA - Infant Nursery
- WORSHIP ACTIVITY PACKETS for younger & older children - at the Sanctuary entrances
- LARGE PRINT WORSHIP BOOKS & BULLETINS for the 8:30 and 10:45 Sanctuary services
- PERSONAL EARPHONES for the hearing impaired for use in the Sanctuary - Ushers Stand
- HANDICAPPED-ACCESSIBLE RESTROOMS - Office area
- WHEELCHAIR available - Narthex
- HANDICAPPED PARKING - near Worship entrances
- COURTESY PARKING - available for the 10:45 a.m. services
- TOUR OUR CHURCH - please speak with a pastor following worship
- PAST SERMONS on the web - visit <www.trinityashland.org>

...AS WE WORSHIP THIS WEEKEND...

WELCOME FRIEND to a congregation who believes that Christ changes all things through the power of his resurrection. We hope that you have found the strength and guidance for your life in the days ahead. Please know that you are welcome here and we hope to worship with you again soon.

SANCTUARY ALTAR FLOWERS given by
> Carolyn and Myron Amstutz in loving memory of Loya and Martha Warnes,
> Cris and Barb Harding in honor of Grace Urban's 88th birthday,
> Mr. and Mrs. Robert Mutsch in memory of our parents and other loved ones,
> and given in loving memory of Pete and Marian Lovering by their daughter, Beth,

PRAISE WORSHIP FLOWERS are given by John and Laurie Maurer in celebration of David and Shirley Maurers' December birthdays.

OUR 10:45 RADIO BROADCAST on WNCO-AM 1340 today is sponsored by Gerald and Dorothy Lindcamp in memory of loved ones.

WITH SYMPATHY we announce the death of Dorothy Trottmann, who passed away on Thursday, **November 24**.

KNOWN TO HAVE BEEN HOSPITALIZED: Ohio State University (Rhodes Hall) - Bill Wolfe; Samaritan - Vanessa Keske and Dale Gardner.

IF YOU, A FAMILY MEMBER OR FRIEND ARE OR WILL SOON BE HOSPITALIZED, PLEASE CALL THE CHURCH AT 419-289-2126 AND LET US KNOW.

TRINITY HAS BEEN ASKED TO BE ONE OF THE 20 CONGREGATIONS OF THE NALC that takes a day to pray for Pastor Gemechis Buba, Mission Director for the NALC who is spending 20 days in Ethiopia, his home country, visiting burned out churches from last spring's riots, teaching in their seminaries, speaking to pastors, and meeting with the leadership of their 5 million person Lutheran Church. Our day is **today, December 4**. Today Gemechis (what everyone calls him!) will be at a Pastors' Conference in Chaliya, Ethiopia. Please pray for his safety, wisdom for him as he speaks to pastors, and wisdom for his next day, December 5, when he will speak to hundreds of pastors in Aira, Ethiopia. Thank you!

ADVENT HAS BEGUN! If you or your family did not receive an Advent devotional last Sunday, please pick one up from the table at the back of the Sanctuary or outside Jack's Place.

"THE STORY" DISCUSSION GROUPS are always ready to include new members! Join any of the adult classes on **Sunday mornings**, come to the Church Home Main Lounge on **Wednesdays at 6:15 p.m.** or come to Meeting Room A at **6:30 p.m.** on **Thursdays** to join in!

FORGOTTEN CHRISTMAS? Do you sometimes feel that the real meaning of Christmas is being lost in today's culture? If so, two of our Young Adult Groups, the Homebuilders Sunday School Class and the Trinity Traders, are sponsoring a very worthy project. Today in Praise Worship we'll be showing a brief powerful video called "FORGOTTEN CHRISTMAS." Then, outside of Jack's Place you will see a table with catalogues filled with potential Christmas gifts you can buy for the hurting people of Asia. There are all levels of gifts and they range from buying some chickens or rabbits to buying a cow, a camel, a well, a Bible, Job or literacy training, etc. This Christmas, would you like to touch the lives of those who are less fortunate? Stop by the Forgotten Christmas Table outside of Jack's Place after the services **this Sunday, December 4** to pick up a catalogue and see how you can share some of your gifts to others who are in need.

- *Pastor Jeff*

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...ITEMS OF INTEREST TODAY...

YOU ARE INVITED to a special Christmas concert by The Good Pennyworths Quartet, an Early Music vocal ensemble with lute accompaniment from New York City in the church sanctuary **this Sunday, December 4, at 4 p.m.** *A Pennyworth of Christmas* is a festive quilt of Christmas songs ranging from Medieval carols and wassail songs to favorite hymns and ballads from the 18th & 19th centuries.

The Good Pennyworths have performed in the Boston Early Music Festival, the Lute Society of America's 2008 Lute Festival, Early Music in Columbus's 2008 Summer Concert Series and are coming to Ashland fresh from a stop at Detroit's 39th Annual Noel Night Celebration.

A freewill offering will be received. Child care will be provided for children eight and younger, for whom this program will be a little much. A reception follows.

ANNUAL TREE OF LIGHTS SERVICE by Hospice of North Central Ohio will be here at Trinity in Jack's Place **this Sunday afternoon.** Come rejoice in remembering and honoring those lives you have had the privilege to share. **Music begins at 4:30 p.m. - service begins at 5 p.m.** An informal reception will be held immediately following the ceremony.

...THANK YOU NOTES...

A SPECIAL THANK YOU to all the generous folks who donated to our hat and mitten tree this year. In addition to the more than 250 hats, gloves and scarves (many hand-made!) we collected over 20 girls coats! Thank you for making a child warmer—you are a blessing!!

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY: We are happy to report that **104** bags were taken to the Ashland County Food Bank after last weekend's collection. Thank you for your support of this important ministry.

NIKE REUSE A SHOE RESULTS! The Green Team feels very blessed to report almost 300 pairs of shoes were collected! The Green Team wants to extend a great "Thank You" to all who supported and to those involved in the collection of shoes. The shoes were delivered to a Nike store in Aurora, OH. The Green Team plans to make this an annual event and plan to team up with the Ashland High School that has a clothing drive every fall for those in need in our community. The plan is if shoes they receive during the clothing drive are too worn, they will send those shoes our way for the Nike Reuse A Shoe Program. In return, if the Green Team comes across shoes that are still in good shape, we will send those shoes their way. **THANK YOU** again to all for making this such a success and a special "Thank You" to Judy White of the Green Team for presenting the Nike Reuse A Shoe Program to our committee.

...ITEMS OF INTEREST THIS WEEK...

SUPPER in Jack's Place this Wednesday, **December 7**, serving from 5:30 to p.m. Menu: pizza, salad, dessert and beverage, all for **\$4/adult and \$2/ages 8 years and younger**. All are welcome.

SNOWTRAILS is scheduled to open for the upcoming ski season on Friday, **December 9**. Members may want to stop in at Snowtrails **PRIOR** to the 9th during normal business hours and get your membership cards made. That way the first time you and your family go skiing, you won't have to wait in an additional

line to get your membership cards before you are allowed to ski. Phone number(s) for Snowtrails are (Toll free) 1-800-OHIO-SKI [(644-6754)] and (Direct) 419-774-9818.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY to Alice Laughery, celebrating her 95th birthday next Sunday, **December 11**.

NEXT WEEKEND, DECEMBER 10 & 11 we meet in the Worship Center in Jack's Place for *Christmas Canticles*, our 27th annual Christmas musical presented by the 60-voice Trinity Choir and Orchestra as part of all three worship services. Each service will last a little longer than an hour. Invite your family and friends to join you!

LUTHERANS OF RURAL AREA CONGREGATIONS (LORAC GROUP): One of the outreach ministries for the LORAC group is the Cranks Creek, Kentucky Survival Center, which has been servicing the Appalachian Area of Harlan County for more than 33 years. Every Christmas they sponsor a Christmas Giveaway, of bedding, namely blankets, pillows, and linens. They are asking for new or used blankets (freshly laundered), pillows (new) and clean linen. **DECEMBER 11 IS THE DEADLINE TO DONATE. SO OPEN UP YOUR HEARTS AND YOUR LINEN CLOSETS AND EXTEND THE GIFT OF WARMTH. THANKS IN ADVANCE...THE PEOPLE OF CRANKS CREEK APPRECIATE ALL YOUR DONATIONS!!!** The donation containers are located in the hallway by Jack's Place and in the Narthex by the Sanctuary.

...OPPORTUNITIES FOR SERVICE...

Please contact Corinne at 419-289-2126
or e-mail <Corinne@trinityashland.org>

MUSICAL PARKING ATTENDANTS: We are currently recruiting individuals who are willing to assist with special parking needs on the weekend of the **Christmas Musical, December 10 & 11**. It would require that you would be available for 30 minutes before one of the three services - {Saturday evening (arrive by 6 p.m.), Sunday morning 8:30 (arrive by 8 a.m.) or 10:45 (arrive by 10:15 a.m.)} - to direct people to open parking spaces and then to the overflow lots across the street. We would like to have two people for each service. If this is an area in which you would be willing to serve please contact Corinne Aebersold

CHRISTMAS CAROLING: Is your small group or Sunday school class looking for a Christmas service project? Here is an opportunity for your group to spread some holiday cheer-Christmas caroling. Due to poor turn out in the past we will not be organizing a church-wide caroling evening, but if your group would like to go out, we have everything you need to make your time together a success. If you would like to organize some individuals or families and need song sheets or contact information on locations that would welcome your visit, please contact Corinne Aebersold.

HELP! WE NEED YOUR FRIENDLY FACE ON CHRISTMAS EVE! Each year Trinity welcomes many visitors on Christmas Eve, and again this year we are looking for some individuals or families who would be willing to serve as 'hallway hosts.' These individuals or families would arrive about 30 minutes before one of the services to 'roam' the halls greeting people and giving directions to the sanctuary, restrooms or other areas of the building. It is so helpful and welcoming to ¹²

have a friendly face greet you when you enter the building. Can one of those friendly faces be yours? If you are willing to help, please contact Corinne Aebersold.

CHRISTMAS COOKIES: While you are doing your holiday baking this year, could you make a few extra cookies for the church? We like to put out cookies and coffee on Christmas Eve for people who arrive early or who are serving throughout the night during the services. If you would be willing to make some cookies for the church, please contact Corinne Aebersold. Cookies can be dropped off any time if frozen. Please mark 'For Christmas Eve' and put in the Jack's Place freezer. Thanks!

CHRISTMAS EVE PARKING ATTENDANTS: We are currently recruiting individuals who are willing to assist with special parking needs on **Christmas Eve, December 24**. It would require that you would be available for 30 minutes before one of the four later services (we don't need people for the 4 p.m. service). The services for Christmas Eve are (and we would need you to arrive 30 minutes prior to the service): **6 p.m.** (arrive by **5:30 p.m.**), **7:30 p.m.** (arrive by **7 p.m.**), **9:15 p.m.** (arrive by **8:45 p.m.**) and **11 p.m.** (arrive by **10:30 p.m.**). If you are willing and able to serve please contact Corinne Aebersold at 419-289-2126. For additional information on Christmas Eve services see page 11 of the newsletter or our website <www.trinityashland.org>.

LUTHERAN SOCIAL SERVICES OF NORTHERN OHIO would like you to please consider making a donation to sponsor a child or family in need this Christmas. There are many ways in which you can help. Please call 877-741-3331 for more information. We also can always use in-kind donations such as towels, sheets, socks, and hygiene products.

...UPCOMING EVENTS...

CHRISTMAS PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY MEETING in the Church Home Sun Room at 2:30 p.m. on Tuesday, **December 13**. For information call Pam Tresh at 419-289-2863.

THERE WILL BE NO SUNDAY SCHOOL ON SUNDAY, DECEMBER 25.

LADIES, MARK YOUR CALENDARS: *Our Women's Retreat is back!* Mark your calendars for Saturday, **March 3, 2012** for "Awake Your Soul," an inspiring encounter for women featuring best-selling author and speaker Nicole Johnson. Tickets will be on sale beginning at the Women's Christmas Brunch. In addition **GIFT PACKAGES** will also be available for purchase. What better gift could you give to that special woman in your life than a special day away for women, to renew, relax and recharge after the business of the holidays and the dreariness of winter. Packages start at \$35 and include one of Nicole's books and a ticket to the Retreat. In addition, **those who register by December 31** will be entered in a drawing for the chance to win a Kindle!!

ARE YOU LOOKING FOR BALANCE IN YOUR LIFE? Are you looking for strategies to help you eat right for your whole life? Are you looking for a Bible study and support group? Then join us! *Your Whole Life* is a 3D plan for eating right, living well, and loving God. This 12 week journey includes: strategies to help you eat right for your whole life, 12 weeks of inspirational, motivational devotions, the most up-to-date nutritional advice from one of our national experts, weekly goals, tips for living well and for sharing with others, new ways to express love with food, and special tips

for men, children, and families. Our organizational meeting will be on Tuesday, **January 3** at 6:30 p.m. in the Main Lounge of the Church Home. **Sign up in the church office or at the Information Desk so materials can be ordered.** Questions? Contact Pam Prezioso at <pam@trinityashland.org> or 419-289-2126.

DAVE RAMSEY'S FINANCIAL PEACE UNIVERSITY is coming to Trinity! What would your life look like if you had **NO DEBT** and were really **IN CONTROL** of your money? During this life-changing class, you will learn how to get control of your money, stop struggling to make ends meet, tell your money what to do, and change your family's future. You'll meet with your class each week to watch the video lesson and participate in discussion and accountability groups that will change your whole attitude about money!

Class begins Sunday, January 22 at 3 p.m. in Rooms A & B, and runs through **April 29**. **Sign up is required by January 9** to order materials. Materials include a Financial Peace University workbook, budgeting forms, an audio CD library of the sessions, an FPU envelope system, Dave Ramsey's book "Financial Peace," a bonus CD-ROM and more. For more information, contact Pam Prezioso at <pam@trinityashland.org> or 419-289-2126. A free **Preview** will be held **Wednesday, January 4 at 6:15 p.m. in Rooms A & B.**

Youth News

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This Sunday, December 4...

Sunday School - Middle Schoolers and High Schoolers will meet in their respective rooms for Sunday School at 9:30am for a discussion on Chapter 12 of *The Story*. Join us as we learn what the Word of God has to say about “The Trials of a King.”

Youth Choir Rehearsal

Hey 7th - 12th graders... do you like to sing? If so, then we've got a place for you! We're off to a fantastic start and look forward to having others join us. We will rehearse again **this evening, December 4, from 6:00-7:00pm in the Choir Room**. Subsequent rehearsals will be: Sun., Dec. 11 from 8:00-8:44pm (following Catechism); Sat., Dec. 17 at 10:00 am; and a warm-up rehearsal on Sun., Dec. 18 at 10:15am prior to the performance at 10:45 in the Sanctuary. Contact Dee Pinkley with questions at 419.685.4112.

This Coming Week...

Youth Council

Monday, December 5th, from 7:00-8:30pm: Youth Council is for 9th-12th graders committed to Christ, to one another, and to growing in leadership within our youth ministry. At this meeting, we will finalize plans for the up-coming “Classy” Christmas Party and looking at some ministry opportunities in the New Year. Please contact Nate or Ann if you cannot attend.

Mosaic

Wednesday, December 7th, from 5:30-7:15pm: All 7-12th graders are invited to MOSAIC. The Youth Area opens at 5:30... D-groups at 6:15! Come grow in faith with friends and committed small group leaders eager to go deeper in discipleship with Jesus.

Upcoming Events...

Catechism

Next Sunday, December 11th, from 4:00-8:00pm: All 7th and 8th graders should plan to attend as we plan to explore the topic of our *Lutheran Heritage* and do some Christmas caroling during this month's lesson. Dinner will be provided for \$3.00 (or pay \$15.00 for the remaining five sessions, if you have not already paid). Families assigned to bring items for dinner may drop them in Luther Hall prior to the start of Catechism. Please let Nate or Ann know if you are unable to attend.

Mosaic Christmas Party

Wednesday, December 14th, 5:30-8:00pm. All youth in grades 7-12 are invited for our “Classy” Mosaic Christmas Party—even if you haven't been a part of Mosaic all year! We'll have hors d'ourves together (see Ann if you are willing to bring something), play some great games, and celebrate the birth of our Savior as we laugh through a white elephant gift exchange—“*Something classy, nothing new, nothing borrowed, just from you*” (i.e. - un-purchased, funny gifts are what we're going for here... no need to spend money... just find something around your house and wrap it up!). We hope you'll join us!

A Pennyworth of Christmas

a festive quilt of Christmas songs

*from Medieval carols and wassail songs
to favorite hymns and ballads from the 18th & 19th centuries.*



Join us for a concert by *The Good Pennyworths Quartet*,
a New York City based Early Music vocal ensemble
with lute accompaniment

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 4 - 4 P.M.

in the Sanctuary

Free will donation.

Child Care available for children age **eight** and under,
for whom this program would be a bit intense.

CHRISTMAS CANTICLES

A CANTATA OF CAROLS IN FOUR SUITES

Our 27th Annual Christmas Musical
presented by the Trinity Choir and Orchestra
as part of the worship services on

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 10 - 6:30 P.M.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 11 - 8:30 & 10:45 A.M.

in the Worship Center in Jack's Place.

Each service will last a little longer than an hour.

Child Care available for children age five and under.

Additional Parking available at The Good Shepherd Home,
Ashland County Historical Society, and the Elks.

Parking Attendants on duty

Handicapped Accessible





Christmas Worship Schedule

SATURDAY EVENING, DECEMBER 24

- 5 DIFFERENT SERVICES
- 2 WITH COMMUNION
- 3 WITH CANDLELIGHTING
- ALL WITH CHRISTMAS CAROLS

PARKING LOT ATTENDANTS
FOR EVENING SERVICES

4 PM PRESCHOOL CELEBRATION

For families with preschool children who wish to celebrate the birth of the baby Jesus and then return home for family activities. A children's sermon is included as well as a message for the adults, delivered by Pastor Mitchell. The Preschool Choir will sing Christmas selections.

Please bring a can of food wrapped in white paper for the children to present at the manger during the White

Gift Ceremony.

6 PM CHILDREN'S CHOIRS *Worship Center at Jack's Place*

A service of carols led from the Steinway grand piano, with gathering music by the Praise Team and anthems from our Cherub, Junior and Youth Choirs and the Luther Bells. Pastor Mitchell will deliver the message and a children's sermon.

This service does **not** include a candlelighting ceremony to encourage persons with smoke-related allergies to worship with us on Christmas Eve.

We encourage people attending this service to park in the Chestnut and Walnut street lots.

7:30 PM COMMUNION BY CANDLELIGHT

The Sacrament of Communion, a beautiful candlelighting ceremony, special music by soloists and ensembles and the congregational singing of carols. Pastor Messner will deliver the message.

9:15 PM COMMUNION BY CANDLELIGHT

The Sacrament of Communion, a beautiful candlelighting ceremony, soothing mu-

sic by harp, violin and soloists, and the singing of carols. Pastor Mitchell will deliver the message.

11 PM FESTIVAL WORSHIP

The late hour lends a special awe and festive nature to this service, which features anthems by the Choir, Trinity Bells, Trinity Brass, violin, harp and soloists, carol singing, and a candlelighting ceremony. Pastor Mitchell will deliver the message.

This service will be broadcast live on WNCO-AM 1340 and streamed live on the internet.

SUNDAY MORNING, DECEMBER 25

10 AM LESSONS AND CAROLS

What better way to begin your Christmas Day than to remember in words and carols the meaning of it all! Special music by soloists, harp, strings and brass. Pastor Mitchell will deliver the message.

This will be the only live service on Sunday. The radio broadcast at 10:30 a.m. will feature a recorded service

MAJOR EVENTS THIS WEEK AT TRINITY

*See announcements for more information

SUNDAY: December 4

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

- 8:00 a.m. Sonrise Singers
8:30 a.m. HOLY COMMUNION
9:30 a.m. SUNDAY SCHOOL
- ages 2 thru adult
10:45 a.m. WORSHIP
- Broadcast WNCO AM-1340
and over the internet
PRAISE WORSHIP
- Worship Center at Jack's Place
12 noon 4-6th Grade Event*
4:00 p.m. *A Pennyworth of Christmas* Concert*
5:00 p.m. Hospice Tree of Lights Service*
6:00 p.m. Youth Choir
7:30 p.m. Musical Chorus

MONDAY: December 5

- 8:30 a.m. Moms in Touch
9:00 a.m. Piece Makers Quilt Group
7:00 p.m. Sonrise Singers

TUESDAY: December 6

- 6:30 p.m. Musical Orchestra
7:30 p.m. Musical Chorus

WEDNESDAY: December 7

- 2:00 p.m. Bible Conversations
4:00 p.m. Trinity Chime Choir
4:45 p.m. Luther Bell Choir
5:00 p.m. Saturday Night Musicians
5:30 p.m. Wednesday Night Supper*
Mosaic*
6:15 p.m. MUSIC GROUPS
- Preschool, Cherub, Junior Choirs
- Trinity Bells, Trinity Brass
The Story/Front Lounge*
7:00 p.m. Musical Chorus
No Open Gym

THURSDAY: December 8

- 7:00 a.m. Men's Bible Study
1:30 p.m. TLC Belles
6:30 p.m. *The Story*/Room A*
No Praise Team

SATURDAY: December 10

- 10:00 a.m. String Sectional
1:00 p.m. Percussion Sectional
2:00 p.m. Musical Orchestra
4:00 p.m. Musical Chorus
5:00 p.m. Choir Dinner
6:30 p.m. CHRISTMAS MUSICAL*

SUNDAY: December 11

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

- 8:30 a.m. CHRISTMAS MUSICAL*
9:30 a.m. SUNDAY SCHOOL
- ages 2 thru adult
10:45 a.m. CHRISTMAS MUSICAL*
- Broadcast WNCO AM-1340
and over the internet
4:00 p.m. Catechism
8:00 p.m. Youth Choir

WINTER STORM ALERTS: During these next few months there may be winter storms in or near our area that may cause hazardous driving conditions. Our **CHILDREN'S CHOIRS SNOW POLICY** is as follows:

- 1. We will NOT automatically cancel if the schools close**, as morning ice and snow have been known to melt by evening.
- 2. Listen to WNCO-AM 1340** after 3 p.m. for cancellation information or call the church office between 3 and 5 p.m. at 419-289-2126.
- 3. The decision to cancel** will be made by the Coordinator of Music Ministries, in consultation with the directors.
- 4. Adult choirs** may be decided separately.